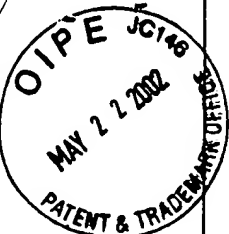


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

In the priority claim, after "July 10, 1998", please add - now U.S. Patent No. 6,182,197 - .

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. All pending claims (1, 3-14, 16-18, and 20-22) have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-20 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,182,197. It is believed that the enclosed terminal disclaimer overcomes this rejection, and so this rejection will not be further addressed.